

To the Honourable the Commons of *Great Britain*
in Parliament assembled.

The Humble Petition of Joseph Marti, Esq;

SHEWETH,



H A T in *January*, 1706. N. S. the Earl of *Peterborough* contracted and agreed with, and gave Orders to your Petitioner at *Castillo Plano*, in the Kingdom of *Valencia*, for the raising of a Regiment of Foot, and 50 Horse, for the Service of her late Majesty Queen *Anne*, to be put upon the *English* Establishment and Pay; the said Earl then declaring, that he was Impowered by her late Majesty so to do.

T H A T your Petitioner, in Obedience to the said Orders, and in pursuance of the said Agreement, raised Eight Companies of Foot, and 50 Horse; of which the said Earl having notice, gave Orders to Mr. *Furley* his Secretary at War, to make and issue out Commissions to your Petitioner, as Colonel of the said Regiment, and Captain of one of the Companies, and to such other Persons as your Petitioner should name for Officers under him, in the same Form as *English* Commissions; declaring, that the said Regiment was raised by his Order for the Service of the Queen, and was to be put upon the *English* Establishment.

T H A T Commissions were accordingly issued, the said Earl therein reciting, That by Virtue of the Power and Authority granted to him by the Queen, to raise and form Troops of the Natives of *Spain*, he did constitute your Petitioner Colonel of the said Regiment; and the said Commissions expressly mention, that your Petitioner, and the rest of the Officers of that Regiment, should enjoy, have, and receive the same Honours, Privileges and Pay, as other Officers who served her Majesty in the like Stations and Posts.

T H A T your Petitioner, with his said Regiment and 50 Horse, immediately after the issuing of the said Commissions, which were dated the 4th of *February*, 1706. N. S. served under the Command of Lieutenant-General *Gorge*, at the Siege of *Alicant*; and after the taking of that Town, in defending several important Passes, the Town and Castle of *Denia*, the Town of *Sativa*, and the Town of *Alcoy*, where your Petitioner and his Regiment were made Prisoners of War.

T H A T your Petitioner and Regiment, being without the least doubt taken and accepted by all Persons to be one of Her Majesty's Regiments, Your Petitioner was induced, at his own Charge and Credit to maintain, and pay the said Regiment, upon the Intreaties and frequent Declarations of the said Earl, my Lord *Gallway*, General *Richards*, and other *English* Generals, that he would run no risque in so doing, in regard his said Regiment was upon the *English* Establishment; and upon their Promises by Letters and otherwise, that her late Majesty would in a short time reimburse and satisfy him what he had or should advance upon the Account of the said Regiment.

T H A T your Petitioner having hereby entirely exhausted his own Fortunes, and engaged his Credit, his Family is reduced to the utmost Extremity. In Consideration whereof, upon your Petitioner's most humble Petition to His Majesty, to be paid what is due to him upon the Account aforesaid, His Majesty in a most gracious manner, taking notice, that he was apprised of your Petitioner's faithful Services, long Attendance, and necessitous Condition, was pleased, in Order for your Petitioner's Relief, to refer your Petitioner's Case to the Consideration of the Commissioners appointed to State and Determine the Debts of the Army; recommending a speedy Dispatch therein, in regard your Petitioner being a *Roman Catholick*, could not be provided for upon the Establishment of Half Pay.

T H A T the said Commissioners not finding your Petitioner's said Regiment mentioned in the List of those which are upon the *English* Establishment which served in *Spain*, are of Opinion, that they are not Authoriz'd by the Powers now granted to them, to proceed to State your Petitioner's Demand.

T H A T your Petitioner humbly hopes, the Honour of the *British* Nation will Provide, that he shall be no Sufferer for what he has advanced upon the Contract, Declarations and Promises of *English* Generals, and for the Service, and upon the Credit of *Great Britain*.

A N D therefore most humbly prays this Honourable House, That in the BILL now brought in, and depending, for appointing Commissioners to Take, State and Determine the Debts of the Army, a Clause may be inserted in your Petitioner's Favour, to Enable and Impower the said Commissioners to be named in the said BILL, to State and Adjust your Petitioner's Demand upon the Account aforesaid; and that your Petitioner may be paid what shall thereupon appear to be justly due to him.

And Your Petitioner shall ever Pray, &c.

D. JOSEPH MARTI.

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